

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Perry Browning House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 10/54 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 1
Coordinate J-17
4. Address: 25801 Prescott Road
Clarksburg, Maryland
5. Classification Summary
 Category building Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC
 Ownership public Title and Date: Inventory of Historical
 Public Acquisition N/A Sites; 1976
 Status occupied
 Accessible yes; restricted Federal State x County x Local
 Present use park
6. Date: before 1785 7. Original Owner: Brice T.B. Worthington or
Joshua Cacil
8. Apparent Condition
 a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This four bay, two and a half story house is set back a considerable distance from Prescott Road and faces northwest. It is guarded by a vigilant and fearsome German shepherd. This frame and possibly log house is now covered by white asphalt siding. The northwest (front) porch has a half-hipped roof supported by 5 wooden columns. The porch is now enclosed by plywood panels. There are six-over-six double-hung windows. The house has a gable roof covered by black raised seam metal.
10. Significance: The Perry Browning house is representative of 18th century farm houses that once dotted upper Montgomery County.
 The land on which it sits was once part of a large grant called the "Resurvey of Wildcat Spring". Brice Thomas Beall Worthington owned 1,498 acres of this tract in 1783, property that the assessments for that year called "wooded thin stony saplin land". In 1785 he bought more of this land from Joshua Cacil for a little over 55 pounds. The purchase was described as "containing 100 acres of land with all the Houses buildings, orchards Gardens woods and fields." When Worthington died he passed along this property to his daughters Sarah, Polly, and Henrietta. In 1814 they sold 312 3/4 acres and the house (presumably a tenant farmers dwelling) to George Wolfe, who owned many other tracts and houses in the area, including the mill down the road.
 The Perry Browning family owned this property from 1830-1897.
 The house is now within Little Bennett Regional Park.
- Candy Reed - Arch. Description
11. Researcher and date researched: Donald M. Leavitt July 1979
12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman 13. Date Compiled: Sept. 1979 14. Designation
Approval
15. Acreage: 28.89 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 10/54
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Perry Browning House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 25801 Prescott Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

☒ VICINITY OF

Hyattstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED

☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☒ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

M-NCPPC

Telephone #: 565-7433

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20910

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: 3594

Folio #: 638

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:10-54

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This four bay, two and a half story house is set back from the road and faces northwest.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the frame and possibly log structural system of the house is now covered by white asbestos siding. The northwest (front) porch has a half-hipped roof supported by five wooden columns. Three poured concrete steps lead to the porch. The porch has been enclosed by plywood panels which completely obscure the first level. The glass and wooden paneled northwest (front) door was still visible.

The house has six-over-six double hung windows. At the second level of the northwest elevation there are three pairs of six-over-six windows.

The gable roof is covered by black raised seam metal. At the north-east and southwest gable ends there are massive exterior fieldstone chimneys with brick stacks above the second level.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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					Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES before 1785

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Perry Browning house is representative of 18th century farm houses that once dotted upper Montgomery County.

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After George Wolfe passed away, several other people owned the property. In 1830 Perry Browning purchased 157 acres,⁴ and settled in the house and farmed the land. For three generations the farm stayed in the Browning family until 1897 when Perry's grandson Charles put the property on the market.⁵

During the 20th century the house and lands passed through many hands until the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission purchased the property in the late 1960's. Most of the old farm land has been allowed to return to its natural state and the house is now within the boundaries of the proposed Little Bennett Regional Park.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Assessments of Montgomery County, Md. (1783).
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. C/89, (4/15/1785).
3. Ibid., BS 4/344, (12/13/1830).
4. Ibid., JA 60/436, (9/1/1897).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Census, Assessment, and Will Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Maps: Martenet and Bond 1865
J.M. Hopkins Atlas 1879

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 28.89 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on the east side of Prescott Road, approximately 1 mile from Route 355.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald M. Leavitt

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: #10-54

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AND/OR COMMON

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Hyattstown

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STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

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Montgomery

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PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☒ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

M-NCPPC (Little Bennett Regional
Park)

Telephone #: 589-1480

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
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Montgomery County Courthouse

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This is a long, narrow structure that has been built in several parts. It probably consists of two joined log houses, but it has been altered and covered-up so much it is difficult to tell at present. The main (west) facade actually has three bays of double windows, and the entrance is near the center, but in the east section. The "A" roof is steeply pitched and gives some hint as to the age of the house. Also, there are massive stone fireplace chimneys on the north and south exterior walls. The present chimney-stacks are replacements of modern brick. The (east) rear of the house has several irregularly-placed windows on the second story, and picture windows in the north and south ends of the first floor.

There is a low, cinderblock wing that extends from the NE corner of the house. The porch on the front (west) facade runs the length of the house and has been enclosed. Most of the house is now covered with asbestos shingles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:10-54

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Allegedly one of the "oldest homes in Montgomery County", this probably is a log house underneath that may possibly date to the late 1700's. Was owned by the Browning family, some of the area's earliest settlers.

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STATE

COUNTY

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

12/5/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

10/2

10/9

10/11

10/22

10/25

10/54

10/71

10/73

10/74

11/8

12/14-1

12/16

12/26

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14/48

14/54

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15/18

*15/62

Site No.

15/68

15/69

16/19

*17/4

17/55

18/1

18/9

18/22

18/27

18/29-1

19/8

19/18

19/20

20/6

20/14

20/27

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22/6-1

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23/98-1

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25/10-1

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30/3

30/7

30/9

30/15

30/17

30/19

31/9

33/3

33/5

33/11

*34/1

*34/9

Site No.

35/6

36/9

*37/4

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



NAME #10-54 PERRY BROWNING HOUSE (SMITH
LOCATION PRESCOTT RD., HYATTSTOWN, MD. HOUSE -
FACADE S.E. M-NCPPC)
PHOTO TAKEN 12/5/74 M. DWYER M:10-54